

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to retrieve information that contains name and relationship information, the method comprising:

accepting a search request input from a single text-entry field of a user interface associated with a database, to create a search request that contains- the search request comprising a plurality of text characters, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a first name identifier, one or more of the text characters specify a second name identifier, and ~~wherein one or more of the text characters specify a relationship~~ between [[to]]the first name identifier and the second name identifier;

using the search request to retrieve one or more search results, wherein each search result contains the first name identifier, the second name identifier, and ~~wherein each search result also contains~~ information representing the specified relationship [[to]]between the first name identifier and the second name identifier; and

displaying~~[[to]]~~ in the user interface the first name identifier for each search result in textual form.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method further comprises displaying [[to]]in the user interface information representing the specified relationship [[to]]between the first name identifier and the second name identifier for each search result in textual form.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method comprises using the search request to retrieve the one or more search results from an external database system.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein the external database system contains additional information.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the method comprises using the search request to retrieve the one or more search results from a memory.

6-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[7]]1, wherein the second name identifier is a personal name identifier, wherein the specified relationship is a contact relationship, and wherein the first name identifier is an organizational identifier.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[7]]1, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a third name identifier, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a second relationship between the second name identifier and the third name identifier, and wherein the method comprises using the search request to retrieve one or more search results that each contain the third name identifier and information representing the second specified relationship between the second name identifier and the third name identifier.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[7]]1, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a third name identifier, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a second relationship between the first name identifier and the third name identifier, and wherein the method comprises using the search request to retrieve one or more search results that each contain the third name identifier and information representing the second specified relationship between the first name identifier and the third name identifier.

11. (Original) The method of claim 10, wherein the third name identifier is a location name identifier, and wherein the second specified relationship is a location relationship.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first name identifier contains a wildcard character.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the specified relationship is a working business relationship [[to]]between the first name identifier and the second name identifier.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the specified relationship is a location relationship [[to]]between the first name identifier and the second name identifier.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the first name identifier is a location name identifier, an organization name identifier, or a personal name identifier.

16. (Currently Amended) A ~~machine-readable~~ computer-readable medium containing executable instructions ~~contained therein~~ for performing a method to retrieve information that contains name and relationship information, the method comprising:

accepting a search request input from a single text-entry field of a user interface associated with a database, ~~to create a search request that contains~~ the search request comprising a plurality of text characters, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a first name identifier, one or more of the text characters specify a second name identifier, and ~~wherein~~ one or more of the text characters specify a relationship between [[to]]the first name identifier and the second name identifier;

using the search request to retrieve one or more search results, wherein each search result contains the first name identifier, the second name identifier, and ~~wherein each search result also contains~~ information representing the specified relationship [[to]]between the first name identifier and the second name identifier; and

displaying [[to]] in the user interface the first name identifier for each search result in textual form.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for retrieving information that contains name and relationship information, the system being operable to:

accept a search request input from a single text-entry field of a user interface associated with a database, ~~to create a search request that contains~~ the search request comprising a plurality of text characters, wherein one or more of the text characters specify a first name identifier, one or more of the text characters specify a second name identifier, and ~~wherein~~ one or more of the text characters specify a relationship between [[to]] the first name identifier and the second name identifier;

use the search request to retrieve one or more search results, wherein each search result contains the first name identifier, the second name identifier, and ~~wherein each search result also contains~~ information representing the specified relationship [[to]] between the first name identifier and the second name identifier; and

display [[to]] in the user interface the first name identifier for each search result in textual form.

18. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the system is operable to use the search request to retrieve the one or more search results from an external database system.

19. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, wherein the system is operable to use the search request to retrieve the one or more search results from a memory located within the system.

20-28. (Canceled)